

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. 1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator that generates a radio frequency magnetic field in an active sample volume, the magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator comprising:
 - 4 a dielectric substrate; and
 - 5 a conductive material deposited on the dielectric substrate and forming a plurality of nested current carrying loops each of which has magnetic field
 - 6 generating elements and interdigital capacitor elements, the current carrying
 - 7 loops forming a substantially closed geometric path surrounding an inner region
 - 8 that lies adjacent to the active sample volume, wherein the magnetic field
 - 9 generating elements form part of the closed geometric path and substantially all
 - 10 of the interdigital capacitor elements are in a region outside the closed geometric
 - 11 path and are oriented in a direction substantially parallel to the orientation of the
 - 12 magnetic field generating elements.
1. 2. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 1 wherein the resonator is configured to be located in a static magnetic field in a particular orientation and, when in said particular orientation, the interdigital capacitor elements are oriented parallel to the static magnetic field.
1. 3. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 1 wherein the conductive material is a superconductor.
1. 4. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 1 wherein said inner region has a substantially oblong shape, and the magnetic

3 field generating elements comprise electrical conductors that run substantially
4 parallel to a major axis of the oblong shape.

1 5. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 4
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements comprise electrical conductors that
3 run substantially parallel to said major axis of the oblong shape.

1 6. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 5
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements are located adjacent to the shorter
3 sides of said oblong shape.

1 7. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 4
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements comprise conducting fingers
3 separated by non-conducting gaps that also extend in a direction parallel to said
4 major axis.

1 8. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 4
2 wherein the respective lengths of the magnetic field generating elements vary
3 relative to their distance from a center of the oblong shape.

1 9. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 4
2 wherein the magnetic field generating elements further comprise lateral portions
3 that run substantially perpendicular to said major axis, and that connect to
4 respective interdigital capacitor elements.

1 10. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 4
2 wherein, together, a portion of said the conductors of the magnetic field
3 generating elements that are located to one side of the oblong shape occupy a
4 space having a substantially trapezoidal shape.

1 11. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 1
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements together make up a plurality of
3 capacitors connected in series with the magnetic field generating elements.

1 12. (Currently Amended) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator that is
2 located in a static magnetic field and that generates a radio frequency magnetic
3 field in an active sample volume, the magnetic resonance radio frequency
4 resonator comprising:

5 a dielectric substrate; and

6 a conductive material deposited on the dielectric substrate and forming a
7 plurality of nested current carrying loops each of which has magnetic field
8 generating elements and interdigital capacitor elements that are separate from
9 the magnetic field generating elements and that generate electric field
10 components, the current carrying loops forming a substantially closed geometric
11 path surrounding an inner region that lies adjacent to the active sample volume,
12 wherein the magnetic field generating elements form part of the closed geometric
13 path and the interdigital capacitor elements are in a region outside the closed
14 geometric path and are oriented such that the square of the peak electric field in
15 the direction of the static magnetic field is less than 10% of the peak of the sum
16 of the squares of the electric field components in each of the two perpendicular
17 directions.

1 13. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 12
2 wherein the conductive material is a superconductor.

1 14. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 12
2 wherein said inner region has a substantially oblong shape, and the magnetic
3 field generating elements comprise electrical conductors that run substantially
4 parallel to a major axis of the oblong shape.

1 15. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 14
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements comprise electrical conductors that
3 run substantially parallel to said major axis of the oblong shape.

1 16. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 15
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements are located adjacent to the shorter
3 sides of said oblong shape.

1 17. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 14
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements comprise conducting fingers
3 separated by non-conducting gaps that also extend in a direction parallel to said
4 major axis.

1 18. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 14
2 wherein the respective lengths of the magnetic field generating elements vary
3 relative to their distance from a center of the oblong shape.

1 19. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 14
2 wherein the magnetic field generating elements further comprise lateral portions
3 that run substantially perpendicular to said major axis, and that connect to
4 respective interdigital capacitor elements.

1 20. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 14
2 wherein, together, a portion of said the conductors of the magnetic field
3 generating elements that are located to one side of the oblong shape occupy a
4 space having a substantially trapezoidal shape.

1 21. (Original) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator according to Claim 12
2 wherein the interdigital capacitor elements together make up a plurality of
3 capacitors connected in series with the magnetic field generating elements.

1 22. (Currently Amended) A magnetic resonance radio frequency resonator that is
2 located in a static magnetic field and that generates a radio frequency magnetic
3 field in an active sample volume, the magnetic resonance radio frequency
4 resonator comprising:
5 a dielectric substrate; and
6 a conductive material deposited on the dielectric substrate and forming a
7 plurality of nested current carrying loops each of which has magnetic field
8 generating elements and interdigital capacitor elements that are separate from
9 the magnetic field generating elements, the current carrying loops forming a
10 substantially closed geometric path surrounding an inner region that lies adjacent
11 to the active sample volume, wherein the magnetic field generating elements
12 form part of the closed geometric path and substantially all of the interdigital
13 capacitor elements are in a region outside of the closed geometric path and are
14 oriented in a direction substantially parallel to the direction of the static magnetic
15 field.

1 23. (Currently Amended) A resonant magnetic field coil for an NMR spectrometer
2 that generates a radio frequency magnetic field in an active sample volume, the
3 coil comprising:
4 a planar dielectric substrate; and
5 a high-temperature superconductor material deposited on the dielectric
6 substrate and forming a plurality of nested current carrying loops each of which
7 has magnetic field generating elements and interdigital capacitor elements, the
8 current carrying loops forming a substantially closed geometric path surrounding
9 an inner region that has a substantially oblong shape and lies adjacent to the
10 active sample volume, wherein the magnetic field generating elements comprise
11 electrical conductors that run substantially parallel to a major axis of the oblong
12 shape and form part of the closed geometric path and the interdigital capacitor
13 elements comprise electrical conductors that run substantially parallel to said
14 major axis of the oblong shape, and wherein substantially all of the interdigital

15 capacitor elements are located farther from a center of the oblong shape than the
16 magnetic field generating elements in a region outside the closed geometric path.

1 24. (Currently Amended) A method of making a magnetic resonance radio frequency
2 resonator that generates a radio frequency magnetic field in an active sample
3 volume, the method comprising:

4 providing a planar dielectric substrate; and
5 depositing a conductive material on the dielectric substrate to form a
6 plurality of nested current carrying loops each of which has magnetic field
7 generating elements and interdigital capacitor elements, the current carrying
8 loops forming a substantially closed geometric path surrounding an inner region
9 that lies adjacent to the active sample volume, wherein the magnetic field
10 generating elements form part of the closed geometric path and substantially all
11 of the interdigital capacitor elements are in a region outside of the closed
12 geometric path and are oriented in a direction substantially parallel to the
13 orientation of the magnetic field generating elements.

1 25. (Original) A method according to Claim 24 wherein the resonator is configured to
2 be located in a static magnetic field in a particular orientation and, when in said
3 particular orientation, the interdigital capacitor elements are oriented parallel to
4 the static magnetic field.

1 26. (Original) A method according to Claim 24 wherein the conductive material is a
2 superconductor.

1 27. (Original) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said inner region has a
2 substantially oblong shape, and the magnetic field generating elements comprise
3 electrical conductors that run substantially parallel to a major axis of the oblong
4 shape.

1 28. (Original) A method according to Claim 27 wherein the interdigital capacitor
2 elements comprise electrical conductors that run substantially parallel to said
3 major axis of the oblong shape.

1 29. (Original) A method according to Claim 28 wherein the interdigital capacitor
2 elements are located adjacent to the shorter sides of said oblong shape.

1 30. (Original) A method according to Claim 27 wherein the interdigital capacitor
2 elements comprise conducting fingers separated by non-conducting gaps that
3 also extend in a direction parallel to said major axis.

1 31. (Original) A method according to Claim 27 wherein the respective lengths of the
2 magnetic field generating elements vary relative to their distance from a center of
3 the oblong shape.

1 32. (Original) A method according to Claim 27 wherein the magnetic field generating
2 elements further comprise lateral portions that run substantially perpendicular to
3 said major axis, and that connect to respective interdigital capacitor elements.

1 33. (Original) A method according to Claim 27 wherein, together, a portion of said the
2 conductors of the magnetic field generating elements that are located to one side
3 of the oblong shape occupy a space having a substantially trapezoidal shape.

1 34. (Original) A method according to Claim 24 wherein the interdigital capacitor
2 elements together make up a plurality of capacitors connected in series with the
3 magnetic field generating elements.